Rosson’s Roundup

Well, the grades are all in, the diplomas are issued and the traffic has subsided, so we’re just about ready to put a ‘wrap’ on 2013. Before we close out this year and welcome the next, I’d like to thank all staff and faculty for their support and hard work this past year. I felt we had a very productive year across all of our major areas: teaching, research, extension and service. This past week, Ed Rister, development officers Cara Milligan and Patrick Williams, and I traveled across much of southwest Texas meeting with some of our former students in San Antonio, Kerrville, Junction, Menard and Georgetown. It was great to hear their testimonials about how the Department and Texas A&M influenced their lives and helped shape them to become the successful people they are today. We will continue to build these relationships over the next year and hope to have a number of these former students in the Department.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate some of our faculty, staff and students who will be receiving awards in Dallas at the SAEA meetings in February. John Nichols will be receiving the SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award, so congratulations to John for all of his service to SAEA and the profession. Dean McCorkle, Dan Hanselka, David Anderson, Steven Klose, John Robinson and Mark Waller will receive the SAEA Extension Team Award. Mario Fernandez, who worked with Bruce McCarl, Rich Woodward and Ximing Wu, will receive the Outstanding Dissertation Award. Bruce McCarl and Ed Rister will be receiving the Vice Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Research and Teaching. Congratulations to all for great work!!

REMINDERS: January 7-9 is the Texas A&M Extension Service Centennial Conference. Remember that Ed Smith will be honored Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the Hilton when he is inducted into the Ty Timm Honor Registry.

January 6 2014 is the deadline for annual reporting document. Please send your documents and available dates for your annual review to Valerie so she can get you scheduled. valnoyes@tamu.edu

Due to website ‘issues’ the deadline for submitting Progress Reports to NIFA (formerly Hatch report) has been extended to January 10, 2014. But, it you can get the system to work, please go ahead and submit your reports as planned by December 31. Remember, we are compiling information from these reports to the Departmental review in January, so earlier is better!!

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year! Travel safe and I’ll see you next year!
Assistant/Associate Professor and Extension Economist - International Trade and Transportation
75% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service)/25% Research (Texas A&M Transportation Institute) appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a full time, non-tenure track position. A PhD degree in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Business, or closely related field required. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in extension, research, or similar work within the agriculture industry and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, cooperate as a team member, lead applied research efforts, and demonstrate a willingness to be heavily involved in outreach education with constituency groups. **Headquarters:** College Station, TX. **Area Served:** Statewide. **Closing Date for Applications:** March 1, 2014. **Application Process:** Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/ Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # (07361).

Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist - Marine Economics
45% Extension / 55% Sea Grant appointment, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University System. **Qualifications:** A PhD degree completed, or all but dissertation, in agricultural economics, economics, resource economics, business, or closely related field. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in extension, research, or similar work within the seafood industry, and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, cooperate as a team member, lead applied research efforts, and demonstrate a willingness to be involved in outreach education with constituency groups. **Headquarters:** Position is based at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Corpus Christi, TX. **Area Served:** Statewide. **Closing Date for Applications:** January 15, 2014. **Application Process:** Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/ Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # (07317).